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Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 with the following rewritten paragraph.

FIGS. 8, 9, and 11 illustrate an alternative of a cannula tip 60 for use with the trocar according to the present invention. The cannula tip 60 has an angled distal end for inserting the cannula into tissue which includes a leading edge 62 and a trailing edge 64 of the cannula. As described above, the profile of the distal end includes an angle which is smaller near the trailing ~~edge 62~~ edge 64 than near the leading ~~edge 64~~ edge 62. This changing angle of the cannula tip profile helps to avoid tearing or coring of tissue during trocar insertion.

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FIG. 11 also illustrates a leading edge of an implant 82a positioned at a preferred position inside the cannula 60 for implantation. The implant 82a may be held at this position during implantation by the obturator or by another holding means. When the forward end of the implant 82a is positioned between the leading cutting edge 68 and the trailing edge 64 of the cannula as shown in FIG. 11 the implant edge will help to force the tissue apart reducing trauma and tearing of the tissue and preventing coring. According to a preferred implantation method, the implant 82a is positioned within the cannula with a forward end of the implant located between 1/3 and 2/3 of the way between the leading cutting edge 68 and the trailing edge 64.